HPV Vaccine Reluctance: Talking with Parents

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Human Papilloma Virus (HPV):
- MOST common sexually transmitted infection
HPV Facts

- > 80% American women at least 1 strain of HPV by 50 y.o.
- HPV subtypes 16 & 18 → 70% cervical cancers, 60% vaginal cancers, 40% vulvar cancers
- Both HPV vaccines decrease not only warts but also CANCER
- SO, why is the immunization rate so low?
What seems to be the problem?

2012 National Stats:
- 54% girls 13–17 yo 1 dose (CT 58%)
- 33% girls all 3 doses (CT 44%)
- 21% boys 13–17 yo 1 dose
- 7% boys all 3 doses
In Australia and the UK with mandatory vaccination → 85 %
New evidence: HPV vaccine prevents oropharyngeal cancer